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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN OCON UR USO

SUBJ: US- USSR MARITIME TALKS

1. AS USDEL DEPARTED ON EVENING MAY 10 FOR LENINGRAD AND
ODESSA (YALTA CANCELLED) TALKS STOOD AS FOLLOWS:

2. PORT ACCESS. SOVDEL PROPOSED 12- FOR-1 RATIO AND / OR
SUBSTITUTIONS FOR PORTS NOW ON US LIST. USDEL DECLINED
BOTH AND INSISTED ON ONE- FOR- ONE EXPANSION OF LISTS.
ISSUE DEADLOCKED. (SOVIETS TENTATIVELY OFFERED FOLLOWING
PROTS: TAGANROG ON AZOV SEA, KEM ON WHITE SEA, AND --- FOR
LATE 1973 OR EARLY 1974 - WRANGEL BAY IN FAR EAST.)

3. VISAS. AS ANTICIAPTED , SOVDEL REITERITED REQUEST
THAT US ADOPT PROCEDURES TO ASSURE SHORE LEAVE FOR
SOVIET CREWS FOR WHICH VISAS REQUESTED SEVEN DAYS IN
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ADVANCE. REVIEWING IBEX PROCEDURE OVER RECENT WEEKS, BOTH DELS AGREED IT WAS WORKING IN ALMOST ALL CASES. SOVDEL ASKED THAT ARRANGEMENT BE LISTED ACCOMPLISHMENT OF TALKS. SOVDEL PRESSED FOR MUTUAL LIFTING OF VISA REQUIREMENT; USDEL TURNED DOWN, BUT NOTED REDUCTION IN SEVEN- DAY PERIOD MIGHT PROVE FEASIBLE AS RESULT OF SUBSEQUENT TALKS PROVIDED IT WAS ALSO POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON REMOVAL OR SIGNIFICANT RELAXATION OF TRAVEL CONTROLS. SOVDEL DOUBTED IT WOULD BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE USSR POLICY IN REGARD TRAVEL CONTROLS.

4. IN PORT PROCEDURES. BOTH SIDES PRESENTED COMPLAINTS AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON MEASURES FOR IMPROVEMENTS. NO RPT NO SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENT WOULD REQUIRE CHANGES IN MARITIME AGREEMENT NOR BASIC OPERATING PROCEDURES OF US AGENCIES (DETAILS BY SEPTTEL).

5. SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS MADE REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR ACCOUNTING OF LINER CARGO. NO RPT NO PROGRESS MADE ON GRAIN RATES FOR PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 1973.

6. TALKS RESUME IN MOSCOW ON MAY 15.
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